

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1556

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S. P. 491

In Senate, March 22, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Aldrich of Oxford.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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AN ACT to Clarify Municipal Home Rule Procedures.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 30, § 1914, sub-§ 1, amended. The first paragraph of subsection 1 of section 1914 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 563 of the public laws of 1969, and as amended by section 1 of chapter 362 of the public laws of 1971, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The municipal officers may determine that amendments to the municipal charter are necessary and, by order, provide for notice and hearing on them in the same manner as provided in subsection 4, paragraph A. Within 7 days after the hearing, the municipal officers may order the proposed amendment to be placed on a ballot at the next regular municipal election held not less than 30 days after the order is passed; or they may order a special election to be held not less than 30 days from the date of the order for the purpose of voting on the proposed amendments.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make more certain the procedure to be followed in making charter changes initiated by the municipal officers and to provide for a public hearing on amendments proposed by the municipal officers.